

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The present response is submitted to place the present application in condition for allowance based on the indication of allowable subject matter in the outstanding Office Action. Specifically, in the Office Action claims 2-8 were objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were noted as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants gratefully acknowledge that early indication of allowable subject matter.

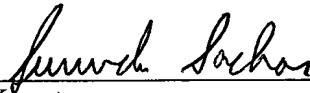
With respect to the indication of allowable subject matter, independent claim 1 is amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 2. Thereby, amended independent claim 1 recites subject matter indicated as allowable in the outstanding Office Action.

The other claims pending in this application, including new claims 13 and 14, all depend from or include the features from independent claim 1. Thereby, each of independent claim 1, and claims 3, 5, and 9-14 incorporating the limitations thereof, are believed to be allowable. The other previously pending claims are canceled by the present response without prejudice.

As only allowable claims are currently pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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